(d) Its completion will depend on the availability of resources in the coming years.

Development to Puri-Konark Marine Drive

134. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to develop Puri-Konark marine drive on the lines of Miami beach to attract foreign tourists;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of the proposals in this regard pending with Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) The Ministry of Tourism has neither received any proposals to develop Puri-Konark marine drive on the lines of Miami beach to attract foreign tourists nor is marine drive an approved plan scheme of the Ministry for financial assistance.

(b) and (c> The project has been taken up by the State Government in the State sector.

Steps **taken for the Development of Nondankanon Zoo in Orissa**

135. SHRi JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for the development of Nondankanon Zoo in Orissa;

(b) if so, the specific steps taken in this direction during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government cf Orissa have submitted any fresh proposal f'or the development of that zoo during 1990-91;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the Central assistance granted therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI) USHA SINGH: (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Modification in National Tourism Policy

136. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABH-SHANKAR BHATT: Will the Minis-ter of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Deccan Herald, dated the 19th September, 1990, under the caption "National Tourism Policies demanded";

(b) whether it is a fact that the Indian Travel Congress organised by the Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) which represents all sections of the Industry including hoteliers, travel agents, air liners, tour operators and State Corporations had demanded to enunciate a National Tourism Policy with emphasis on creating a separate cadre;

(c) if so, what are the demands of the Indian travel congress; and

(d) what are Government's views on their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI) USHA SINGH: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Indian Travel Congress organised by the Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) resolved that the National Committee Report on Tourism be implemented both by Central and State Governments, with particular attention to the reorganisation of the Departments of Tourism in the Centre and creating a separate cadre.

(d) The Central Government has already implemented almost all the major recommendations contained in the report of the National Committee on Tourism. The Government also considered the proposal for the establishment of a National Tourism Board and a separate tourism, cadre. However, as the proposal involved addi-

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tional staff expenditure and as important segments of tourism fell into the State sector, it was not found feasible to set up the National Tourism Board and the tourism cadre.

Increase in procurement prices of foodgrains

137. SHRI CHATURANAN MISH-RA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of occasions when procurement prices of foodgrains were increased since 1985 together with the details thereof; and

(b) what were the reasons for increasing the prices each time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL TURK AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHAND-BHAI SHAH); (a) The procurement/ minimum support prices of foodgrains have been revised by the Government every crop season since 1985 86. The procurement/minimum support prices announced for the 1989-90 kharif and rabi crops were revised in October, 1989 and April, 1990 respec-

.tively. Details are given in the statement annexed. (See below)

(b) The procurement/minimum support prices are revised every season after considering the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). In recommending the price policy, the CACP takes into account a number of factors including changes in cost of production, input prices, demand and supply, inter-crop price parity, effect on cost of living, parity between prices paid and prices received, etc.

The procurement/minimum support prices for kharif crops of 1989-90 were revised to compensate the farmers for the increase in the prices of inputs and general price rise between the commencement of the sowing season and the arrival of crops in the market. The procurement/minimum support prices of rabi crops of 1983-90 were revised after the Government decided to adopt the revised methodology for estimation of cost of production of crops, which is one of the factors considered by the CACP in formulating price policy for agricultural commodities.

Statement

ProcurementjMinimum Support Prices

(Rs. per quintal)

SI. No.	Crop	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90 A R	1990-91
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I. *Paddy*									
u) Common .		137	142	**146**	150	160	175	185	205
(ii) Fine		141	146	150	154	170	185	195	215
(iii) Superfine .		145	150	154	158	180	195	205	225
2. *Wheat* .		157	162	166	173	183	200	215	225
3. *Coarse Careals* (Jowar, Bajra, Maize and Ragi)		130	130	132	135	145	155	165	180
4. *Barley* .		130	132	135	135	145	160	180	190
5. Kharif Pulses (Tur (Arhar) Moong & Urad)		275	300	320	325	360	400	425	480
6. *Gram*			260	280	290	325	370	421	450

N.A.- Not Announced.
A. — Announced.
R.....- Revised.